

TWICE WEEK THE GAINESVILLE STAR

DEVOTED TO THE MORAL, BUSINESS AND POLITICAL INTERESTS OF CITY, COUNTY AND STATE.

VOLUME 1

GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA, TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 1904.

NO. 101

A BRIEF SKETCH OF W. N. SHEATS

A Few Reminiscences by One of
His Old Friends.

A BRIGHT FUTURE FOR HIM.

This Sketch Is Concluded From
Friday's Star—Written
By "W."

[CONTINUED.]

His wonderful career in Alachua county attracted attention throughout Florida, and it was but a natural consequence that the people should select him to take charge of the educational department of the State. In 1893 he was elected State Superintendent of Public Instruction; and, verily, as was the boy, the college student, the county school teacher, the college professor and the county superintendent, so has been the State officer. It would take volumes to contain an account of what Mr. Sheats has done for Florida during the last ten years; but his work is a matter of history. His labors on the sub district law alone will place his name high up in the list of benefactors. In 1892 the biennial report from the State Department of Education contained 40 pages; the report just issued from his office contains 470 pages of matter of such reliability and interest as it is now being sought by educators in almost every state in the Union; and should be in the hands of every citizen of Florida. For several years the writer has obtained these reports by simply mailing a request to the State Superintendent and he is confident that no one will regret the expenditure of a stamp to secure this book which contains a treasure of useful information.

Mr. Sheats' uniform examination law and his execution of it has brought about another revolution which has gained for him the admiration of education-loving people, not only in Florida but throughout the continent. The writer well recollects the superabundance of abuse heaped upon the Car's head when he began in earnest to execute this law. One citizen remarked: "Sheats is right, but he will lose his office. The law is a good one, but it will require the backbone of the Statue of Liberty to execute it." There is no denying the fact that Mr. Sheats executed this law.

A short while after his induction into office, Mr. Sheats heard that there was a school in the State in which white and negro children were being taught in the same room. In looking over the school laws he ascertained that there was nothing prohibiting such a condition; but, Car that he was, he was equal to even this emergency. He decided to be law unto himself, went down to the place and found a community of Northern people, ignorant of existing conditions in the South. He told them that the races must be separated. They refused. He told them that they had it to do. They exultingly asked him to cite the law. He replied that, law or no law, they had it to do. He remained there a week, at one time in danger of violence to his person, accomplished his purpose, returned to Tallahassee, prepared and had the Legislature pass a law, known everywhere as the "Sheats Law," forever prohibiting the coeducation of the races. This is one of many incidents illustrating the readiness to meet an emergency.

He is preeminently a ready man. No one ever found him unprepared to make an educational address, and some claim that the more suddenly he is called upon the better he can speak—which shows that his whole soul, his entire being is thoroughly imbued with things educational. He is recognized all over the South as a most forcible speaker on educational subjects.

As a mathematician he has few equals; and, although he has thoroughly mastered the Latin and Greek languages, and is conversant with the grammars of three languages, yet he prefers the good old Anglo-Saxon words, which express our ideas most forcibly. He does not say adieu; he says good-bye. Once the writer heard him make a college commencement address, which was full of literary and classical gems, but the writer went to sleep. The address was decidedly un-Sheats. The next day he spoke to a class of teachers on living issues and the writer could not have gone to sleep if he had tried. The first address was classical; the second was Anglo-Saxon, the language which goes straight to the hearts of the people. Dr. Jno. A. Broadus, one of the greatest scholars of this age, was another example of this style. Although he could speak a dozen languages fluently, yet, when he spoke to the students of Stetson University, a few years ago, it was said of him that he did not use one big word.

Referring again to the appellation of Car, by which his enemies delight to call him, we wish frankly to say that there is more truth than poetry in the charge. However, we should not blame him. He can't help it. He didn't make himself. God made him. Besides, he has the blood of "Old Hickory" coursing through his veins. If it be a crime, let the blame be attached to Andrew Jackson and not to his descendant.

Truly, Mr. Sheats is a born leader in

whatever arena he chooses to enter. In his garden he easily leads all his neighbors. For many years he has been superintendent of a Sunday school in this city. The writer has known him several times to quit work on Saturday and travel more than a hundred miles in order to be with the children on Sunday. They say his Sunday school is a model. Wherever he goes his personality is instantly felt. A few years ago he had decided not to take part in a certain State campaign, but was afterwards persuaded to go along with the speakers. He made his famous campaign, not of politics, but of education. He made himself felt for good in every corner of Florida and was more talked of perhaps than all the other speakers combined. Whenever he enters a school room or a teachers' institute, he is at once an acknowledged leader and he always says something that causes his hearers to think. No meeting of the State Teachers' Association is ever complete unless Mr. Sheats is given an opportunity to deal out food for thought; and his remarks are always more talked of than those of the educators hired to deliver lectures to the association. Outside of Florida he is acknowledged to be one of the foremost State Superintendents in the South. At the meetings of the Southern Educational Association he is always present and never fails to leave his impress upon the minds of his hearers. At Asheville, two years ago, he was on the program to speak on a certain subject. After beginning his address he decided that the subject was not appropriate, changed it and made the great hit of the meeting.

Mr. Sheats will probably be displeased when he reads this paper and we crave his pardon for saying that some day in the distant future (we hope), when the people of Florida realize that they no longer have a Sheats, they will all vie with each other in their efforts to cover his grave with flowers; and our object is simply to pin a little bouquet upon the lapel of his coat, while he is yet alive—a bouquet which is an infinitesimal forerunner of what is surely coming.

We close this article by quoting the grandest sentence in the English language and thereby touching the keynote to the source of all his greatness—his whole life has fully demonstrated that he can say with Dr. Johnson: "I love God and little children."

FUNERAL OF MRS. KOEGL.

Funeral and Interment Largely Attended Saturday.

All that was mortal of Mrs. J. J. Koegel, nee Miss Ruby Steenburgh, was laid to rest by the side of her mother who so recently died, in Evergreen cemetery Saturday morning.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. J. Carpenter, at the residence of the deceased's uncle and aunt, Dr. and Mrs. T. F. Thomas, beginning at 9 o'clock. The funeral was one of the most largely attended that has been in this city for years, and the funeral procession to the grave was unusually long.

Expressions of sorrow and evidences of grief were heard and seen in all directions, and from many homes came lovely flowers and evergreens as an evidence of the loving esteem in which the deceased was held by those who knew her.

She was for years a teacher in the North Gainesville Sunday School, and the superintendent of the school was heard to say before the funeral that he never saw a teacher—though very young as she was—who seemed more deeply interested in a class than she was, and she was greatly loved by her class.

The Veteran Will Go to An Old Comrade.

There are about 5,000 Confederate veterans in Florida. They have at the lowest estimate as many sons and sons-in-law, whose vote is controlled by their influence. This vote will go solid, all the way to a man, for C. M. Brown, governor, thus spoke a high Confederate veteran yesterday. Mr. Brown was a captain in the First Florida regiment, and served under Gen. Robert E. Lee from the first to the last day. The four bullets which he now carries is proof of his bravery at Seven Pines, Bull Run, Olustee and Petersburg. The Southern men are not going to forget C. M. Brown on May 10, no matter how well they like the other candidates who are running for governor. A man who fought side by side with them or their fathers, and who never showed his back to the enemy, is the man who will get their votes for governor. That man is C. M. Brown. With these 15,000 votes, and the many others which his sterling honesty and ability will bring him, will carry C. M. Brown very near a winner in the first primary.

Here Thursday Night.

Messrs. J. L. Kelley, J. G. Kellum and G. M. Lynch, the three candidates for County Superintendent of Public Instruction, will address the voters and others who may attend the speaking, in this city next Thursday night. Let the people of Gainesville and vicinity turn out and give the candidates a respectful hearing. Remember the time—next Thursday night.

Owing to the absence of a pastor, there was no preaching services at the Baptist church last Sunday, but the services at the Episcopal, Methodist and Presbyterian churches were well attended, and at each of the churches able and interesting sermons were preached.

IMPROVEMENTS FOR WINDSOR

Chicago Parties Have Bought and
Will Improve.

PROPOSED ELECTRIC CAR LINE

Messrs Miller and Brown Are
Looking Over the Situation

Windsor, one of the prettiest places in Alachua county, may yet be a large and hustling town with electric car line connection with Gainesville. It is a well known fact that before the terrible freeze of nearly a decade ago Windsor was a place of beauty, and promised much to those who owned land or other property thereabout. But when the freeze came, the beautiful orange groves were killed, and many who had settled there gave up as it were in despair, and most of them returned to the North.

But during the years since the freeze, it has been demonstrated by those who continued to care for their groves, that oranges would again be raised there in paying quantities, (there being several fine groves in the county now.)

About a year ago, Messrs. Fred R. Miller, J. W. Brown and one other gentleman, all of Chicago, bought the Griffin place, and other property at and around Windsor for the purpose of improving and making it useful and paying property.

Messrs. Miller and Brown came down a few weeks ago to look over the situation and decide what to do. The gentlemen are highly pleased with our climate, and with Gainesville, but Windsor they found to be rather dearer than they expected to find it; but they are not the kind to give up. They realize it was the cold—the like of which we hope never to have here again—that killed Windsor. They find the place only twelve miles from Gainesville, four miles from Rochelle, four miles from Campville, and one other railroad point.

ELECTRIC CAR LINE.

They believe an electric car line from here to Windsor is practical, and are thinking about such an enterprise. Such a line would connect Gainesville and Windsor and would be a very desirable thing indeed. Gainesvillians could then do their picnicking around the beautiful Neumanns Lake, on which Windsor is situated. Windsor might become a beautiful little city and she and Gainesville could soon become almost one.

Messrs Miller and Brown were in Gainesville yesterday, and the former paid the Star office a pleasant call. They will leave soon for Chicago, where they will spend the summer, but before leaving they are getting all the information they can get about Windsor, Gainesville and Alachua county, and will probably return to Florida next fall accompanied by other investors and make Windsor blossom as the rose.

Vote for the Following

At the meeting of the Hearst Anti-Trust League held in Jacksonville April 7, the following persons were unanimously recommended to be voted for by Hearst supporters at the primary on May 10:

Delegates to the National Convention at Large—John S. Beard, T. E. Bryan, W. J. Bryan, C. A. Carson.

Delegates to the National Convention for the Second District—T. F. Anderson, J. B. T. Howden.

Members for the State Democratic Committee at Large—J. W. Adams, Dr. Warren Anderson, N. A. Blitch, John M. Bryan, C. O. Codrington, E. A. Crawford, Herbert L. Dodd, D. U. Fletcher, Wm. Hocker, J. M. Lamar, Guy I. Metcalf, W. H. Milton, Jr., H. S. Phillips.

Presidential Electors—J. C. B. Koonce, F. H. Stoneman, H. P. Bailey, A. B. Newton, T. A. Jennings.

Died Suddenly.

Mrs. Newton Lane, who resided in the western portion of the county, near Bell, died suddenly last Thursday evening. It seems that Mrs. Lane and another lady had been fishing in the Suwannee river during the afternoon, and returned home rather late. After going into the house, Mrs. Lane remarked to the other lady that she would go out and look after the cattle. She did not return, and was not found by searchers until Friday morning, when she was found in a fence corner near the house and cold in death.

Mrs. Lane was about sixty years of age, and her sudden death is supposed to have been caused by heart failure.

Shot From Ambush.

It was reported in this city a few days ago, that one Joe Hodge shot W. J. Bush from ambush, near Dutton, in the shooting section of the county. The shooting occurred Thursday evening of last week, and Bush was sprinkled almost from head to foot with small shot, but we do not understand that his wounds are considered dangerous.

Hodge is reported as having fled after the shooting, and efforts were being made to locate and capture him.

FROM CRACKER VOTER.

An East Ender on the Star, Crops, Candidates, Etc.

Hope, Fla., April 17.
Editor Star:—Not knowing exactly how my subscription stands I enclose herewith \$1 to pay for the Star another year. The Star is one of our best papers, and I think law and liberty loving people should appreciate it. We all know what it has accomplished in the past, and we know it is always on the right side in every contest. It is one paper that can be relied upon; it is always safe to follow the Star's lead. Long may it live and prosper.

This is entirely a farming section, corn and cotton being the principal crops, with a good acreage of oats, pinders, cane and vegetables as a side crop.

Farmers are busily engaged chopping cotton. The stand is fairly good, though some fields have just been planted. Messrs Smith and Johnson are our largest planters, having between four and five hundred acres, mostly in cotton.

Although this is a political year, farmers are not going wild over any of the candidates; we are merely trying to keep posted about the candidates, and each one's fitness for the office he seeks. We have no axe to grind—either now or hereafter—so we will express ourselves about a few of the candidates, beginning with the gubernatorial candidates. "Our Job" is a talented lawyer and a fine gentleman. We won't discuss his political record; it may be good but we hardly think he is the governor we farmers are looking for. We know but little about Mr. Brown's record; we see him advertised extensively in some of the papers, we learn that he has a few yankee bullets in him, which fact makes us honor him, but the day has passed when we old Vets expect to be honored with position because we carry an armless sleeve, a wooden leg or a few bullets in our bodies. We have inquired but little about Mr. Mays, though we understand he is a great plougher, and he will probably be in greater demand on his farm than at Tallahassee.

But, Mr. Editor, I'll tell you who we do know: The man who was born on the banks of the St. Johns; the man who showed so much ability in running his little steamer, "The Three Friends," to Cuba, to assist the Cubans in their fight for freedom; the man who made one of the best sheriffs Duval county ever had; the man who is not willing for Florida to be governed by the barroom gang. His name is Napoleon B. Brown, and we crackers are going to see to it that he is made the next Governor of Florida.

We have seen but little of our county candidates, as they don't seem to recognize this part of the East End; nevertheless, our vote for legislators goes for Trench and Rosborough. For sheriff, we are for Wash Fennell; the other candidates are probably nice gentlemen, but the people of Alachua county cannot afford to give up Fennell just yet. He has some good dogs, and we need him and the dogs in the tiger business; he has been tried and not found wanting. The East End is satisfied with our present sheriff.

The candidates for State Superintendent of Public Instruction are both good men, but your Uncle Billy Sheats is going to be State Superintendent another four years.

We have four candidates for County Commissioner in this district; one of them can cow a whip, ride a horse and drive a cow equal to any Buffalo Bill; another can raise as fine vegetables and orange trees as the most expert grower in the Manatee section; and the third one can keep store, and sell as many goods as Sears, Roebuck & Co. The other one I learn is a fairly good business man, but of the four we shall cast our vote for the oldest man.

No use to talk about Stockton and Barrs, for they are simply already elected. For Clerk of the Court, we think Dell will lead in the East End, and for County Superintendent of Schools, it will be "nip and tuck" between Kelley and Kellum.

A. C. L. Low Rates.

Low round trip rates to Nashville, Tenn., for the Annual Southern Baptist Convention and Auxiliary Society—May 12-18.

The Atlantic Coast Line announces rates—one fare plus twenty-five cents for the round trip; tickets to be sold May 10-12, 1904, with return limit ten days from date of sale. See ticket agents for full information.

Real Estate.

If you have city property (improved or unimproved)—farming, truck, pasture, timber or phosphate lands for sale send me full description and lowest prices, terms, etc. I can find you a buyer.

FRANK D. BAYNE,
Attorney at Law,
Gainesville, Fla.

Mention this

Advertisement

When you come to

Smith's Studio

And you can get 86 Photos for \$5 per dozen; \$5 ones for \$4, and \$4 ones for \$3.50. This to make room for new mounts. All on hand were bought last November and January and are A1. You always get

Fine Fadeless Photographs.

Try Fagan's market for best meats.

J. R. Feaster, the Wacahoota fish man, was in Gainesville Saturday.

Buy a piece of land in Cuba. Write J. O. Andrews, Gainesville, Fla. 95 9t

F. M. Ramsey, of Wacahoota, was in the city Saturday, and treated himself to a new buggy.

Miss Nellie Brenner, of Jacksonville, spent several days with friends in this city this week.

Miss Agnes Zetrouer and Mrs. J. H. Granger returned yesterday from a visit to relatives at Rochelle.

Miss Eva Hides, one of the popular teachers in the Rochelle school, was visiting in Gainesville Saturday.

C. L. Thigpin, the county road superintendent, was in the city Sunday, and went from here to Alachua.

Attorney W. S. Broome visited Palatka, Jacksonville and Tallahassee, on professional business last week.

Wm. Littleale, a popular knight of the grip with headquarters in Hawthorne was circulating among our merchants Saturday.

Homer Love of New Town, one of the most prosperous young planters of that section, was a business visitor to Gainesville Saturday.

W. N. Camp, Ocala; Sam Teague, Lady Lake, and J. R. Williams, Alachua, were among the prominent visitors to the city yesterday.

Rev. W. J. Carpenter returned Friday evening from Bradenton, where he assisted Rev. C. W. Inman in a revival meeting last week.

I. C. Gracy, of High Springs, spent Sunday afternoon in the city. He had to wait over here for a train to High Springs, being on his way home from Jacksonville.

Rev. J. B. Holley, editor of the Southern Baptist, Jacksonville, was in the city a few hours Saturday, and went from here to Otter Creek where he preached Sunday.

Mr. C. F. Smith, of Havana, Cuba, is on a visit to his family in this city. Mr. Smith is a brother of L. C. Smith, the jeweler, and was formerly a resident of this city.

The Carpenters and Joiners Union, organized here only a few weeks ago, is progressing nicely. The union meets regularly in the hall over Broome's store, and the membership is steadily increasing.

Robert Wixson, an influential citizen of Windsor, spent Saturday in the city. Recently Mr. Wixson had the misfortune to stick an orange thorn in his hand, from the effects of which he has suffered much pain.

Rev. E. B. Clark and two grand daughters of High Springs passed through the city Saturday en route to Rochelle, where Mr. Clark filed his regular appointment at the Baptist church Sunday.

In our shoe department you will find a complete line of spring shoes. You should examine our line before purchasing elsewhere. Be sure and ask to see our "Empress Grade, Ideal Patent Kid," it is a beauty, artistic, stylish, and graceful, and will cost you only \$2.50. Come in and try on a pair. L. C. Smith.

Frank McDavid, LaCrosse; Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Ward, Montecito; F. J. Glyatt, Clvatt Station, H. L. Beville, Rutledge; James Chesnut, Alachua, and Charles and James Dell of Hague, were among the business visitors to the city Saturday.

Ella Missouri, a negro woman who has recently served a short term in the convict camp, was brought in Saturday by Sheriff Fennell and lodged in jail, to remain until the next term of the circuit court, and then answer to a charge of assault with intent to murder.

His Honor, Judge Mason, who is a candidate for re-election to the position of county judge, met a great many voters last week, and was everywhere encouraged to believe that his election this time will be with much more ease than it was accomplished four years ago.

Rev. J. R. Vaughn, of Virginia, delivered an excellent temperance lecture from the band stand Sunday afternoon, and then preached at the Presbyterian church Sunday night. He said some of what might be considered hard things about the liquor business, but all he said was true.

Mr. Charles Hodge, of Alachua, who is a candidate for the Legislature, was in the city Saturday. He desires the Star to say that if his name fails to get on the official ballot, those desiring to vote for him on May 10, can write his name on the ticket and put the necessary cross mark (X) before the name written.

Attention is directed to the Smith's Studio advertisement in this issue of the Star. All mounts now on hand at the Studio will be sold at greatly reduced prices to make room for new ones. Read the advertisement, and mention it to your friends, and then call at the Studio and talk it over with Mr. Smith, whose "Fadeless Photographs" are all that is claimed for them.

Alfred Steenburg, a prominent citizen and business man of Farmington, Ill., arrived in the city yesterday and will spend a few days with relatives here. Mr. Steenburg is a brother of our esteemed fellow-townsmen, A. O. Steenburg, and of Mrs. T. F. Thomas and he came here at this time on account of the death of Mr. A. O. Steenburg's daughter, Mrs. Koegel, which sad event occurred last Friday.

Political Announcements.

Announcements under the above head, of reasonable length, will be published in each and every issue of the TWICE-WEEK STAR from now until the campaign is over for \$5 for each announcement. THE CASH must accompany the copy for each announcement. Announcements at this price must not contain more than TWENTY LINES, including head and signature.

Clerk Circuit Court.

To the Democrats of Alachua County:
As the State Executive Committee have selected the 10th of May for holding our Primary Election, I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the position of Clerk of the Circuit Court of Alachua county, and I solicit not only the vote, but the support of my friends to secure my election. If elected, I promise to perform the duties of the office faithfully and fully. I make this promise knowing thoroughly what those duties are. They have already been earned by experience, and I trust that all Democratic voters may consider my appeal in making their selection.

Respectfully,
SAMUEL H. WIENGEN.

Clerk Circuit Court.

Fellow Democrats of Alachua County:
I hereby announce myself a candidate for Clerk of the Circuit Court of Alachua county, subject to your action in the Democratic Primary. I solicit the support of all Democrats, and if I am elected I promise to discharge the duties of the office to the very best of my ability, and I solicit the support of all voters at the polls.

Respectfully,
J. MAXEY DELL.

Sheriff.

To the Voters of Alachua County:
I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Sheriff, subject to the action of the next Democratic primary. If elected, I promise to discharge the duties of the office to the very best of my ability, and I solicit the support of all voters at the polls.

Respectfully,
W. C. HAGUE.

Sheriff.

To the Democratic Voters of Alachua County:

I embrace this method of expressing my warmest appreciation for the confidence you placed in me in 1896, and continuously from that date to this, and sincerely trust that your confidence has not been betrayed. I have endeavored, to the very best of my ability, to do my duty, regardless of persons or the consequences to myself. How well I have succeeded I leave to you to judge. I have been encouraged to believe that my efforts have received the approval of our county, for which I am truly thankful. I am again a candidate for the office of Sheriff, and I promise to assume my duties unfettered with any promise of special favors, and shall endeavor in the future, as in the past, to do my duty the best I know how. Promising if elected or defeated not to be a candidate for the office again. Respectfully,
L. W. FENNEL.

Sheriff.

I will be a candidate for the office of Sheriff, and respectfully solicit the support of the voters of this county in the coming primary. Again thanking the voters for my election as Representative, I am as ever,
THEO. H. WILLARD.

County Superintendent.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction of Alachua county, subject to the action of the Democratic primary, and I solicit the support of Democratic voters. If elected, I will favor retrenchment and the payment of the school debt.

Respectfully,
J. G. KELLUM.

County Superintendent.

I am a candidate for the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction of Alachua county, subject to the action of the Democratic primary, and I solicit the support of Democratic voters. If elected, I will favor retrenchment and the payment of the school debt.

Respectfully,
J. L. KELLEY.

County Superintendent.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction of Alachua county, subject to the action of the Democratic primary, and I solicit the support of Democratic voters. If elected, I will use every honorable method to liquidate the county and sub-district school debts. My policy will be good schools, good terms, good teachers and common sense teaching of reading, writing, spelling and arithmetic. Having taught every grade in the public school system of this State, including Institute and four terms Normal work, I am convinced of the importance of more earnest teaching in the elementary studies.

Respectfully,
GEO. M. LYNCH.

County Judge.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate before the Democratic primary of Alachua county for reelection to the office of County Judge. Having faithfully, honestly and impartially discharged my official duties in the past, I pledge my honor to continue to do so in the future. If elected, and will be very grateful for the support of the Democratic voters of the county.

Respectfully,
H. G. ASON.

Tax Assessor.

I respectfully announce myself as a candidate for the office of Tax Assessor of Alachua county, subject to the Democratic primary.

Having been appointed to fill out the unexpired term of my predecessor, I now ask the good people of Alachua county for their support at the polls.

I will do all in my power to make a faithful and efficient assessor and to make a more perfect set of tax books each succeeding year.

Respectfully,
WILLIS W. COLSON.

Member School Board.

By request of friends I announce myself a candidate for re-nomination as a member of the Board of Public Instruction of Alachua County, from District No. 1, and earnestly solicit the votes and influence of all Democratic voters at the coming primary election, and if elected I pledge myself to faithfully discharge the educational interests of the county.

Respectfully,
R. B. WEEKS.

Political Announcements.

Legislature.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Representative from Alachua county in the next Legislature, subject to the action of the Democratic primary, and I solicit the support of my fellow citizens.

Respectfully,
O. M. TILLMAN.

Legislature.

To the Voters of Alachua County:
Without the slightest unkind feeling for those who did not vote for me in the last primary and a heart full of gratitude for those who did, I again offer for the honorable position as one of our representatives in the next General Assembly. Support me if I am right, support me as long as I stay right and leave me alone when I go wrong. Some say we have too many laws already. Granted—if they were all good ones, but many are useless, some absolutely pernicious and should be wiped off the statute book. Being a Democrat I will abide by the action of the primary. With good will toward all men.

I am yours truly,
JOHN W. TENCH.

Legislature.

Solicited by many friends, I announce myself a candidate for Representative from Alachua county in the next Legislature, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. If elected the people of Alachua can feel assured that their interests will be well taken care of in our next Legislature, and I shall especially exercise my influence for the enactment of a vagrant law similar to that now in force in Georgia, which has done so much to solve the labor problem in that State.

Respectfully,
A. U. HILLHARY.

Legislature.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Representative from Alachua county, in the next Legislature, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. If elected I promise to serve the people as faithfully as I can, and I solicit the support of my fellow Democrats at the polls.

Respectfully,
CHAS. HODGE.

Legislature.

Democratic voters of Alachua county: I respectfully announce myself a candidate for the Legislature and solicit your support. I will abide by the action of the primary.

Respectfully,
J. A. ROSEBOROUGH.

Supervisor of Registration.

To the Democratic Voters of Alachua County:
I am a candidate for the office of Supervisor of Registration of Alachua county, and respectfully solicit the support of my Democratic friends at the primary, May 10th. Thanking you in advance for your support, I am
Respectfully,
D. A. ROBERTSON.

Member School Board.

The friends of J. A. King hereby announce him a candidate for member of the Alachua County School Board, from District No. 1, subject to the action of the Democratic primary to be held May 10, and they solicit the support of all Democratic voters both during the campaign and at the polls on election day.

County Commissioner.

I hereby announce my candidacy for County Commissioner from District No. 4, subject to the